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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

John Trela, Assistant Commissioner for  
Hazardous Waste Management  
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection  
401 East State Street, 6th Floor, East Wing  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Re: Tang Realty (Chemsol) Superfund Site, Piscataway, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Trela:

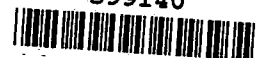
As you know, a remedial investigation (RI) is currently being performed by Tang Realty Corporation (Tang), the potentially responsible party (PRP) for the Tang Realty site. The RI is being conducted under an Administrative Consent Order entered into by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and Tang in 1984.

Although the Consent Order was entered into in 1984, Tang has been performing field investigations at the site since 1980. Throughout the approximately ten years that Tang has been performing these field investigations, the project has been plagued with delays and poorly documented field work which has been performed in a piecemeal fashion.

Earlier this year, it came to the attention of NJDEP and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that unauthorized field work, including the installation of investigatory test pits, further movement of wastes and soils, and the re-working of surface soils with a bulldozer had been performed by Tang at the site. During a July 10, 1990 site visit by EPA and NJDEP it was discovered that well points had been recently installed on-site without prior NJDEP knowledge or approval. This is disturbing in light of the fact that NJDEP and EPA have recently completed a review of a work plan submitted by Tang for soil characterization.

At our meeting of June 21, 1990, we discussed the appropriateness of prohibiting Tang from continuing to perform the RI, and federally funding the remainder of the investigatory work. In light of the continued unauthorized activities, I am requesting

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that the remedial investigation and feasibility study (RI/FS) be completed by the federal remedial program.

Please contact me as soon as possible to coordinate notification to Tang and the transition of this project to the federal remedial program. If you would like to discuss this matter in more detail, please contact me at (212) 264-8672 or have a member of your staff contact Raymond Basso of my staff at (212) 264-1918.

Sincerely yours,

Richard L. Caspe, Director  
Emergency and Remedial Response Division

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✓ Mike Neill, RAB